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Before The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

**Applicant:** Ian Baird Smith et al.

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**Title:** APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CLOSING  
OFF THE OPEN END OF A CONTAINER WITH  
A REMOVABLE FLEXIBLE MEMBRANE  
COVERED BY A RIGID CAP

**Group Art Unit:** 3727

**Examiner:** Robin  
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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING UNDER C.F.R. §41.47**

Sir:

Appellant hereby request an Oral Hearing with respect to the above-captioned matter under 37 C.F.R. §41.47. This Request for Oral Hearing is being submitted within the time period specified in 37 C.F.R. §41.47(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, and to credit any fees or overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference – 350013-000065).

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